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Bar: Reinstate Prosecutor

The D.C. Bar, which represents all 17,000 lawyers admitted to practice here urged yesterday the re-establishment of a special prosecutor's office with complete independence" to prosecute Watergate-related crimes.

The bar, through a statement from its president, Charles T. Duncan, also said that Archibald Cox, the special prosecutor fired last Saturday by President Nixon, should be offered reappointmen.

Duncan praised Cox, former Attorney General Elliot Richardson and his former deputy, William Ruckelshaus, "for their fidelity to the demands of honor and conscience."

"We condemn all efforts to interfere with the independence and integrity of the special prosecutor's office, and to undermine the rule of law which is at the heart of our form of government," Duncan said.